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FOR HARTMAN FROM SPIERS

1. REF A ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR EMBASSY TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED. HOWEVER, EMBOFF DISCUSSED THESE SAME POINTS SEPTEMBER 3 WITH TOM MCNALLY (REF B), WHO WAS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS FOR TODAY'S MEETING. MCNALLY STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT BRITISH WERE ABSOLUTELY FIRM IN THEIR DETERMINATION NOT TO EXTEND ECONOMIC AID TO PORTUGAL UNTIL PROGRESS WAS MADE TOWARDS PLURALISTIC DEMOCRACY AND THAT THEY WOULD HOLD TO THIS POSITION IN DISCUSSIONS IN EC AND WITH OTHER SOCIALIST PARTIES. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION, MCNALLY CONFIRMED THAT SOARES WELCOMES THIS APPROACH ALTHOUGH PUBLICLY HE FEELS COMPELLED TO TAKE MORE AMBIVALENT POSITION.

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